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TELECOM FACTORIES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was a shortfall in the production of number of items ranging upto hundred percent during 1995-2000 in telecom factories at Jabalpur and Mumbai;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether scrapped material and screened out machines worth Rs.3.79 crore were lying for disposal at Jabalpur factory for last several years as on March 31, 2000 and surplus raw material and plant/machinery worth Rs.1.30 crore at Mumbai telephone factory;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to dispose of these items?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. There was a shortfall in the production of some items due to reasons indicated below:

Telecom Factory Jabalpur:

Item	Percentage of shortfall					Reasons for shortfall
	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	99-2000	
Bracket channel Iron	NIL	NIL	7	10	18	Less Requisitions from field units.
Microwave Towers	30	45	60	29	46	Less Requisitions from field units.
SS Mast	25	71	83	15	NIL	It was a new item and its demand was fluctuating.
LJU	99	1	NIL	NIL	19	It was a totally new item for the hardware Factory.
Support Bracket	NIL	89	64	34	31	It was a new item. Production level increased continuously.

Telecom Factory Mumbai:

Item	Percentage of shortfall					Reasons for shortfall
	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	99-2000	
CD Cabinet	15	24	15	NIL	NIL	Less Requisition from field

	units.				
Modems	NIL	20	85	82	NIL Less Requisition from field units.
Coin Box Telephone	NIL	80	73	47	NIL Feedback from the field indicated some modifications in the model hence production was restricted.
LJU	34	50	NIL	46	NIL Due to mid term change in specifications.

(c) Yes, there is scrap worth Rs.3.79 crores lying for disposal at Telecom Factory Jabalpur but more than 80% of this scrap was generated in the year 1999-2000. There is a scrap worth Rs.1.3 crores lying at Telecom Factory, Mumbai. Since 1998-99, Telecom Factory, Mumbai has disposed scrap worth Rs. 2.5 crores.

(d) Disposal of scrap material & machines is a continuous and time consuming process. Although scrap was offered for disposal periodically but it remained unsold due to reasons like low price received in the tender/auction etc.

(e) In order to expedite the disposal of scrapped material and screened out machines an agreement has been entered with Metal Scraps Trading Corporation (MSTC), a PSU, who are having professional expertise in disposal/sale of scraps.